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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] OLC

SUBJECT : Material for Joint Economic Committee

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You will recall that when [REDACTED] you, and I briefed Ron Tammen and Richard Kaufmann they asked us if it would be possible to provide fairly detailed, yet unclassified, information on Soviet military forces. We said at the time this would be difficult, but that we would look into it. I believe Richard Kaufmann called you last week to remind you of this.

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[REDACTED] has taken another look at this situation and STATINTL last night he and I discussed it with Mr. Proctor. There is [REDACTED] no way in which we can provide the detail Kaufmann and Tammen are seeking on an unclassified basis. As you know, we have provided the Committee with an unclassified paper on the Soviet defense budget, but to go into force postures at an unclassified level would be an unacceptable risk involving not only sources and methods but the state of the analytical art as well. Therefore, we would appreciate it if you would tell Mr. Kaufmann there is nothing further we can do.

Both Kaufmann and Tammen have been discussing a possible appearance by the Director before the Committee in April. We strongly suspect this is not Senator Proxmire's initiative, but that of his staff. In view of the Director's very heavy commitments this spring, we would urge that you or George approach the Senator directly and plead that any hearings be put off at least until fall. You should know that preparations required for one of these JEC briefings takes several months.

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I think Kaufmann and Tammen are really trying to get the Agency to take a position different from that Schlesinger has taken in his Soviet posture statements. For your background--and you may pass it along if you wish--we are not at variance with the Defense Department on Soviet military posture.

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